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Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement as explained in paragraphs 2 and 3. Applicants believe that the boat and warehouse analogies are not applicable. Nevertheless, responsive to the restriction requirement outlined in paragraph 1, applicants elect, with traverse, claims 13-16, without prejudice.

Regarding the species described in paragraph 7, applicants do not believe that the election of species is necessary at this time in light of the election of claims 13-16. It is believed that these claims would be generic regardless of the anchor such as Figs. 18, 20, 21-24. It is noted that the anchor in Fig. 19 shows a strap end similar to that in Figs. 1-17.

In the event election of species is required, that of Figs. 1-17 would be elected, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,



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